

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PA

M. Ash-Sharief Al'Askari,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Kathleen Hawkes, Director, U.S. Bureau of Prisons, et al.,

Defendants,

Civil Action No.

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COMPLAINT

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To wit:

A CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT PURSUANT  
TO §1331 et seq., 28 U.S.C; DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT PURSUANT TO §2201  
AND §2202, 28 U.S.C; AND INJUNCTIVE  
RELIEF UNDER THE F.R.CIV. PROCEDURES

Now comes M. Ash-Sharief Al'Askari pro se [hereinafter known as Al'Askari] and says that he is the plaintiff in said titled action and that the cause of action is that the defendants, named and unnamed, has violated Al'Askari's constitutional rights under the 1st, 5th and 8th Amendments to the Constitution as shall be established hereunder.

PLAINTIFF

Al'Askari is presently incarcerated at the Allenwood Federal Prison, White Deer, PA in the custody of the U.S. Attorney General at all times mentioned herein.

DEFENDANTS

Kathleen Hawkes is the chief executive officer of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and at all times mentioned herein is the superior of each and every defendant, known and unknown, and is liable for the commissions and or omissions of acts alleged to have resulted in this action as shall be

established hereunder.

DEFENDANT

Robert Zimany is a defendant herein. Zimany is employed by Kathleen Hawkes, a defendant herein, as a judge and arbitrator of the Inmate Disciplinary Proceedings here at Allenwood at all times mentioned herein. Zimany is directly liable for violating Al'Askari's constitutional rights as alleged hereunder.

DEFENDANT

Robert S. Goldring is a defendant herein. Goldring is employed by the Defendant Hawkes here at Allenwood as a prison staff personnel at all times mentioned herein. Goldring is directly liable for violating Al'Askari's constitutional rights as alleged hereunder.

DEFENDANT

Vivian Hursh is a defendant herein. Hursh is employed by the Defendant Hawkes here at Allenwood as a prison staff personnel at all times mentioned herein. Hursh is directly liable for violating Al'Askari's constitutional rights as alleged hereunder. All defendants are being sued in their individual and official capacities.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. On 14 April, 1999, the plaintiff [hereinafter known as Al'Askari], while confined to Allenwood prison, was charged by defendant Hursh with "possession of narcotic". This allegation culminated in Al'Askari being thrown in the hole pending disciplinary proceedings against him. During the course of the disciplinary proceedings Al'Askari evidenced that the allegation was false. This was established by the prison pharmacist who submitted that the alleged "narcotic" charged by defendant Hursh was only ibuprofen tablets. And ibuprofen tablets are sold by the inmate commissary as well as dispense routinely without cost to those inmate who can afford commissary analgesics.

2. This inmate disciplinary proceeding was presided over by defendant Robert Zimany. Defendant Zimany, as a consequent of proof that the allegation by defendant Hursh was false, judged that Al'Askari did not commit the offense as charged by defendant Hursh. Notwithstanding, defendant Zimany, at that time, accused and charged Al'Askari with "possessing the property of another", that is, having medication that did not belong to Al'Askari but to Al'Askari's cell mate and then determined himself that Al'Askari was guilty of the accusation and charged that he, the defendant Zimany designed, sentenced Al'Askari to 15 days in the hole, lost of telephone contact and ~~communication~~ and lost of commissary both for 6 months. Al'Askari appealed the defendant Zimany's judgement and punished to the defendant Zimany's superior, defendant Hawkes, Director of the Bureau of Prison who rejected that Appeal.

2(a). ARGUMENT

Al'Askari argues that the defendant Hursh malevolently and falsely accused Al'Askari of possession of narcotic. By reason of such, Al'Askari was hauled before the defendant Zimany to defend against the defendant Hursh's charges. The defendant Zimany, who presided at the proceeding on the charge, judged Al'Askari innocent as charged. However, the defendant Zimany, doing the course of this proceeding, accused Al'Askari of another charge: "Possession of Anything not Authorized". By reason of this charge by the defendant Zimany, Al'Askari was punished with the sanctions mention above in para.2 notwithstanding that (1) Al'Askari never received an Inmate Incident Report for this charge by the defendant Zimany per Policy of the Inmate Disciplinary procedures 5700.03 and 28 C.F.R. §541 and (2), Al'Askari was not given, by reason of not receiving a written notice of the charge of "Possession of Anything not Authorized", the opportunity to present witnesses in Al'Askari's behalf, have the aid and assistant of

The defendant Goldring has falsely alleged that he, Goldring, searched Al'Askari's personal property and "found" legal material and property not belonging to Al'Askari was not only a prevarication but also a pretext to confiscate and destroy Al'Askari's legal papers, law books and work products. The defendant Goldring is a staff attorney for the defendant Hawkes. He is not a prison guard. It is neither the defendant Goldring's duty, function nor area of responsibility to perform or engaged in routine functions and details of the correctional/custodial staff. Nor is the defendant Goldring's office, nor his office's staff, is even in Allenwood F.C.I. The defendant Goldring came into the prison solely to interfere with Al'Askari's access to court by confiscating and destroying Al'Askari's own legal property which he the defendant Goldring committed.

3(b).

#### SUMMARY ARGUMENT

The defendants actions of confiscating and destroying Al'Askari's legal property directly interfered with an evidentiary hearing for a Motion to Vacate and Set Aside Conviction and Sentence for Al'Askari in the E.D.C. of PA. The legal property that was confiscated and destroyed by the named defendants was my transcripts, briefs, motions and research product that was being transported along with Al'Askari by the U.S. Marshals for the \$2255. Al'Askari departed from this prison last May, 1999, on a Writ. Inasmuch as Al'Askari was without Al'Askari's legal property, Al'Askari was inadequately prepared for that hearing by reason of the confiscation and destruction of Al'Askari's legal property and thus was compelled to request a continuance to prepare another Sentencing Memoranda against a vacated sentence. The trial court granted the continuance last May, and Al'Askari returned back to this prison and remains in continuance without a sentence!

Were it not for the actions complained of herein Al'Askari would have been adequately prepared to submit to Al'Askari's trial judge a sentencing memoranda prior to being resentence and not move for a continuation to prepare another sentencing memoranda. Their actions resulted in Al'Askari's access to his trial court proceedings to be resentence being interdicted and, thus, continued indefinitely in the status as a unsentenced inmate here at Allenwood F.C.I., a violation of Al'Askari's constitutional right to access the court to redress grievances.

4. THIRD STATEMENT OF FACT

On 14 April, 1999, the defendants Goldring and Hursh seized, perused and destroyed Al'Askari's legal writings and manuscripts, court records, case documents and trial transcripts as well as Al'Askari's personal law books and files.

The defendants committed this confiscation and destruction for no other reason than to interfere with Al'Askari's access to the courts and punish Al'Askari for assisting others in their pro se efforts and litigations. Notwithstanding, ironically, the defendant themselves assigned Al'Askari to work in the inmate law library for the purpose of assisting other indigent and ignorant at law.

4(a). ARGUMENT

The U.S.Bureau of Prisons provides for those inmates who represent themselves pro se to own and maintain with their person property their own legal material and property. At the time of confiscation and destruction by the defendants Al'Askari was appealing Al'Askari's conviction and sentence in different courts. The permanent lose and destruction resulted in the dismissal of 2 distinct court actions for lack of prosecution by Al'Askari.

4(b).

SUMMARY ARGUMENT

Al'Askari, as a prisoner, retains his right of access to the Courts. The constitution, as well as U.S. Bureau of Prisons Policy, forbid the defendants to retaliate against or to punish arbitrarily a prisoner for exercising such as the defendants have committed herein. Al'Askari appealed to the defendant Hawkes that the acts committed by the defendants Goldring, Hursh and Zimany were flagrant violations of the Constitution and the defendants's own Policy, Rule and Regulation with respect to the acts complained of.

CLAIM

First Cause of Action

The actions of the defendants stated above denied Al'Askari due process of law in violation of the Fifth Amendment and the First Amendment

RELIEF

Al'Askari requests this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

A. Issue a declaratory judgment that the defendants violated the United States Constitution when they:

- 1) CONFISCATED AND DESTROYED LEGAL PLEADINGS AND BOOKS
- 2) ARBITRARILY AND CAPRICIOUSLY INFLICTED PUNISHMENT  
FOR AIDING AND ASSISTING OTHER INMATES IN PRO SE  
LITIGATIONS

B. Issue an injunction ordering that the defendants expunge the disciplinary sanctions from Al'Askari's prison record and an order that the defendants from confiscating and destroying Al'Askari's legal property.

- C. Grant compensatory damages in the following amount:
- 1)\$25,000.00 against defendant Hawkes;
  - 2)\$25,000.00 against defendant Zimany;
  - 3)\$25,000.00 against defendant Hursh;
  - 4)\$25,000.00 against defendant Goldring;
- D. Grant punitive damages of \$100,000.00 against each defendants.
- E. Grant such other relief as may be appear Al'Askari is entitled to.

Date: 14 July, 2000

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